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NUCLEIC ACIDS

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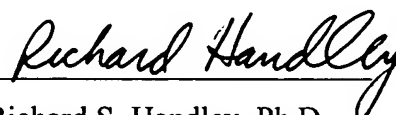
**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

Sir,

In response a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) mailed on February 16, 2007, Applicants re-submit an amendment previously submitted on January 25, 2007. The status identifier in claim 1 was incorrectly indicated as "Twice amended" and has been changed to Currently amended as specified in 37 CFR §1.121(c).

This reply and the original amendment are being filed in the first month extension period. The fee of \$60 for a one month extension as Small Entity has already been paid. Accompanying this response is a Notice of Loss of Entitlement to Small Entity Status. Accordingly authorization is given to charge an additional **fee of \$60** for a one month extension for filing a response pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1) to Deposit Account 50-4094. The fee represents the balance due for a one month extension as a Large Entity.

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